## BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

**December 9, 2015 Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568** Chairman James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Department Coordinator, Tracey Tardy

The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, Ground floor conference room, was called to order by 1 2 Chairman Earl @ 4:04 p.m. 3 4 Attendees: Assessor James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath and Department Coordinator Tracey Tardy 5 Motion was made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup> with a 6 change to the date at the top from 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> and the minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup>. second: Chairman 7 8 Earl, majority vote by the Board. 9 10 Vouchers were approved; Motor vehicle abatement applications and certificates were approved. 11 12 4:20 p.m. Mr. Amato from East St. came into the office to discuss the Chapter land that he owns and the letter sent out requesting information regarding items needed to keep the property in 61A. He is leasing 13 his land and will have to get the Schedule F or 38D from the people farming the land. Chairman Earl 14 15 explained what will happen to the remaining land that will no longer qualify. The land can be moved into chapter 61B for recreational/open space. 16 17 18 4 abutters lists where approved map 5 lot51, map 25 lots 42,43 & 44, map 31 lot 9and map 16 lots 11 19 &12 20 21 A discussion took place regarding an update on the solar pilot program. The negotiations with the Town 22 Manager and the solar company are ongoing, however, at this time they have agreed to the increase of 23 \$500 per kilowatt or \$12,500/KW and 2% increase for the first 10 years and 2.5% increase for years 10-24 20. 25 Mr. McCormick of 17 Fowler Rd. has requested a site visit as he feels the value of his home is too low as 26 27 work has been done to improve the property. The Board has asked the Department Coordinator to 28 schedule a site visit for next week. Chairman Earl will do the site visit and the Board has asked Glenn 29 Fowler to go with them to help with the measuring and checking the quality of the upgrades. 30 31 Reviewed September permits and October 32 RECAP forms were approved at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 33 34 35 Senior workoff abatements were all approved 36 37 The exemptions will be tabled until the commitment have been received and approved for the taxes so the applications can be processed. 38 39 40 The 2016 tax rate announcement was reviewed and will be sent to the printer with a few minor changes. 41 42 The meeting was adjourned @ 5:01 p.m. 43 44 Respectfully Submitted, 45 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator 46